**Mr. T. K. Nayar** *(Pazhayannur).*—What will be the approximative cost for the repair of the bridge?

**Dr. E. S. R. Menon** *(Director of Public Health and Panchayats).*—It will be about thousand rupees.

**Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar** *(Nellayi).*—Besides, separate allotments for separate works, is it not the practice to make a lump allotment for urgent repairs and urgent works?

**Dr. E. S. R. Menon** *(Director of Public Health and Panchayats).*—The lump allotment is intended for works that have been taken up last year but could not be finished.

## Ramankulam poramboke tank—Talappali Taluk—repairs to.

**375. Mr. K. Kunhirama Menon** *(Cheruthuruthi).*—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(1) whether the Government have received any petition from the local people regarding repairs to the Ramankulam poramboke tank in Pilakad Village, Talappalli Taluk.

(2) whether tenders have been called for the repairs during this year;

(3) if so, what is the amount for which tender is given;

(4) has any amount been taken over or transferred from the total amount budgetted for this item;

(5) will the Government be pleased to make a complete provision for this important work in the next budget?

**Dr. E. S. R. Menon** *(Director of Public Health and Panchayats).*—(1) No petition has been received in the current year; but there had been petitions in previous years.

(2) Yes.

(3) At Rs. 40—12—6 per cent less than the estimated rates.

(4) Yes. A sum of Rs. 125 has been transferred for other items of expenditure to the same Panchayat.

(5) This will be done according to the availability of funds.

മിസ്റ്റർ പി. കുമാരനെഴുത്തച്ഛൻ *(Wadakkancheri).*—രാമൻകുളം നന്നാക്കുന്നതിനു എത്ര രൂപായാണ് ബഡ്ജറ്റ് ചെയ്തിട്ടുള്ളത്?

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ഡാക്ടർ ഇ. എസ്സ്. ആർ. മേനോൻ *(Director of Public Health and Panchayats)*.— ആയിരം രൂപാ.

മിസ്റ്റർ പി. കുമാരനെഴത്തച്ഛൻ*(Wadakkancheri)*.— ഇതിന്മേൽ വല്ല പ്രവൃത്തിയും നടത്തിട്ടുണ്ടോ?

ഡാക്ടർ ഇ. എസ്സ്. ആർ മേനോൻ *(Director of Public Health and Panchayats)*.—ടെണ്ടർ ആക്സപ്റ്റ് ചെയ്തിട്ടുണ്ട്.

മിസ്റ്റർ പി. കുമാരനെഴത്തച്ഛൻ *(Wadakkancheri)*.— അതായത് ഈ കുളം നന്നാക്കുന്നതിനു വേണ്ട പ്രവൃത്തി തുടങ്ങിയിട്ടുണ്ടെന്നാണൊ കരുതേണ്ടത്? ഈ ഫണ്ട് ക. മാറിട്ടുള്ളത് പഞ്ചായത്തിന്റെ ആവശ്യത്തിനാണോ?

ഡാക്ടർ ഇ. എസ്സ്. ആർ. മേനോൻ *(Director of Public Health and Panchayats)*.— Certainly.

മിസ്റ്റർ പി. കുമാരനെഴത്തച്ഛൻ *(Wadakkancheri)*.—ഈ പണി ഈ കൊല്ലത്തിൽ ചെയ്യാൻ തീർക്കുമോ?

ഡാക്ടർ ഇ. എസ്സ്. ആർ. മേനോൻ*(Director of Public Health and Panchayats)*.— അധികം ജോലികളുണ്ടെങ്കിൽ സാധിക്കയില്ല.

**Mr. T. S. Narayana Ayyar** *(Secretary to Government)*.— Sir, may I ask your permission and indulgence to make a statement to the Hon'ble Member for Mattancherri. The relevancy of my statement is this. I wish just to point out the difficulties which Government sometimes are put to in preparing answers. The present instance is a very good illustration. In supplying answer to questions even very responsible officers like the Chairmen of Municipalities are showing complete indifference and Government are put in a very difficult position. This question was forwarded to the chairman of the Mattancheri Municipality on 6—1—37 and no answer has been furnished by him till now.

**Mr. P. Govinda Menon** *(Adur)*.—What is this about?

**Mr. President.**—The Secretary is making a statement with the permission of the Chair.

**Mr. K. M. Ibrahim** *(Cranganur)*.—We are not able to follow him.

**Mr. President.**—Please listen to him.

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**Mr. T. S. Narayana Ayyar** *(Secretary to Government).*—It may be suspected that Government are purposely suppressing the answer to this question. Three reminders were sent to him and a special reminder on 19th March, to which the Chairman replied on the 31st March that he would despatch the answer within a week. I wish to bring to the notice of the House that this is a typical case where the Chairman of a Municipal Council takes more than 3 months to answer a question though it could be answered within three days. I am only referring to this to point out that from the mere fact that the answer to a particular question was not placed before the House by Government during the session, no reference should be drawn of unwillingness on the part of Government to answer the question.

**Mr. K. M. Ibrahim** *(Cranganur).*—What about the Hon'ble Member himself not answering a question with 8 months' notice?

**Mr. T. S. Narayana Ayyar** *(Secretary to Government).*—I am not guilty of any such default, Sir.

**Mr. President.**—What is attempted to be pointed out is that the Municipal Chairman has not supplied an answer for the past three months though it would take him only three days, even three hours to answer it.

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